



Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission
Children's Justice Committee
Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family
1700 West Washington Street, Suite 230, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007

A general meeting of the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission (AJJC) Children's Justice Committee was convened on January 30, 2019, at the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family, 1700 West Washington Street, Suite 230, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007, notice having been duly given.

Members Present (11)	
Christina Schopen , Co-Chair	Leslie Quinn
James Molina , Co-Chair	Shawn Cox
Jeff Hood	Rachel Mitchell
Jane Kallal	Donald Walker
Nicole Schuren	Shefali Gandhi
Marcela Morales	
Staff/Guests Present (4)	Members Absent (1)
Steve Selover , GOYFF	Cindi Nannetti
Melissa Watkins , ADJC	
Wendi Malmgren , ASU Student	
Michelle Bedinghaus , Mercy Maricopa	

Call to Order

- **Mr. James Molina**, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m. with eleven members and four staff and guests present.

Introductions

- **Mr. Molina**, Co-Chair, asked members and staff to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

- **Mr. Molina**, Co-Chair, requested a motion to approve the October 30, 2018, meeting minutes.
 - **Ms. Shawn Cox** motioned to accept the minutes as stated.
 - **Ms. Jane Kallal** seconded the motion.
- The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

What is Trauma Informed?

- **Ms. Wendi Malmgren** presented an overview of the components of using a trauma-informed approach with crossover youth and families. **Ms. Malmgren** explained that the information provided in her handout comes from the standards issued by the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).
- **Ms. Christina Schopen**, Co-Chair, thanked **Ms. Malmgren** for the information and added that the committee has been attempting to codify standards for "trauma-informed" to demonstrate to the

community the degree of which a person has been trained. **Ms. Schopen** agreed with **Dr. Shefali Gandhi** that benchmarks are needed to provide a set of objective standards or tiers.

- Committee Members and **Ms. Malmgren** conversed on the topic of who should be the authority for setting benchmarks in the various capacities. It was determined that some guidelines to help professionals and the community understand the differences between trauma-informed certifications would be the most favorable outcome. Several members advised that the first step should be to explore what is currently being used.
- It was agreed that the committee would begin their focus on trauma related to abused and neglected children and to research what is being used professionally to train practitioners who work with this population.
- **Ms. Kallal** added that it is important to be mindful of the community and parents, as they too have a role in being educated on trauma.
- Several members volunteered to research and bring information from the field and review during our next meeting.

Children's Justice Grant Update

- **Mr. Selover**, on behalf of Children's Justice Act Grant Administrator **Rebecca Chesley**, provided an update on the grant. He informed members that the funded programs have entered their third year of funding and **Ms. Chesley** has no major concerns with each program's progress.
- **Mr. Selover** stated that **Ms. Chesley** would like feedback regarding a subgrantee that has elected to postpone hiring a full time children's justice coordinator while current staff cover the major tasks normally conducted by the coordinator. Committee members collectively agreed that as long as the work assigned to the children's justice coordinator position was being adequately managed, the subgrantee should be permitted time to recruit a quality candidate for the open position. **Mr. Selover** advised that **Ms. Chesley** will review the outcomes in their progress reports to determine whether they are on track and report back to the committee.
- **Mr. Selover** stated that the current progress reports from subgrantees have been submitted and **Ms. Chelsey** will report back to the committee on how participants of the children's justice coordinator training in October are implementing strategies discussed in the training.

CJC Training Follow Up

- Due to the limited time available, it was decided to postpone agenda item (G) for the following meeting.

Call to the Public

- **Mr. Molina**, Co-Chair, made a call to the public. There was no response to the call.

Adjourn

- **Mr. Molina**, Co-Chair, called for adjournment.
 - **Ms. Cox** moved to adjourn the meeting.
 - **Ms. Schopen**, Co-Chair, seconded the motion.
- The motion passed with no dissenting votes. The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Dated February 1, 2019
Children's Justice Committee
Submitted By: Steve Selover, GOYFF Program Administrator